

**The Building Code Standards Committee  
will meet on April 11, 2013 at  
One Capitol Hill,  
Conference Room A, Second Floor, Providence RI**

<b>678th</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>April</b>
<b>11, 2013</b>			

**1. Call to order**

**2. Public Hearing**

**3. Appeals 13-01 Jean Favreau 31 Montauk Ave, Plat 165, Lot 198, Westerly, RI. Appeal from SBC 1, 2004, 23-27.3-106.1 and SBC 2, 2004, R323.**

**13-05 New England Institute of Technology, 1646**

**Division Road, East Greenwich. SBC-3-2010 Plumbing Code, Chapter 4 Section 403 and SBC-8-2010, Energy Conservation Code, Chapter 5, Section 502.**

**13-06 Newport Hangers LLC, Requesting a Variance from  
RIBC Section 412.4.6.2**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**5. Correspondence**

**6. Committee Reports**

**7. Legislation**

**8. Old Business**

**9. New Business**

**10. Announcements**

**11. Adjourn**

**677th**

**Meeting**

**12:00 p.m.**

**March 14, 2013**

**1. Chairman Nash called the meeting of the Building Code Standards Committee called to order at 1:10 p.m.**

**2. Public Hearing: None at this time**

**3. Appeals: Appeal 13-01 Jean Favreau, 31 Montauk Ave, Plat 165, Lot 198, Westerly, RI. Appeal from SBC 1, 2004, 23-27.3-106.1 and SBC 2, 2004, R323. Both parties have agreed to a continuance.**

**4. A motion was made to approve February meeting minutes by Mr. Newbrook and seconded by Mr. DePace with changes to spelling error. Motion passed unanimously.**

**5. CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time.**

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mr. Brown stated that the Certification**

**Sub-**

**Committee met prior to today's meeting regarding Paul Murray and John Francisco that are certified eligible Plumbing and Mechanical who will be working for the city of Cranston as part-time Plumbing and Mechanical Inspectors. They have already been certified, a motion was made by Mr. Brown and Mr. Newman to approve him as Plumbing Inspector seconded by Mr. DeBlois. Motion passes.**

**Certification Sub-Committee please be advised that we will be having a  
meeting before next months meeting on administration items.**

**Fuel Gas Sub-Committee- This is the information from the Fuel Gas Committee. As most of you should remember, we have a Blanket Variance in place right now for CSST. We held hearing regarding this over a year ago. The Fuel Gas Committee had made recommendations to make changes to this and put it into our new code with a blue page amendment. Chapter 24 G2411.1.1, the portion that is not underlined is what is in the National Code and the last sentence is what the Sub-Committee felt that they would like to see in the new code. You will also see Chapter 3 the CSST again what is not underlined is what is in the National Code and the last sentence that is underline is what the Sub-Committee would like to see in the new code. After having conversations with the Building Code staff, it has been brought to my attention that both my Electrical Inspector and my Plumbing Mechanical Inspector would like to add this Blanket**

**Variance into the code.**

**A question was asked from Member DeBlois regarding if the Blanket Variance was current law now. Answer: yes, the Blanket Variance is current law and as soon as the new code is adopted then it will either go away or become part of our code. What the Building Code Commissions Electrical and Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector are asking that the Blanket Variance be added to the appropriate sections of the codes as it is written. A motion was made by Mr. DePace and seconded by Mr. DeBlois to keep Blanket Variance in Code. Motion passed unanimously.**

**7. LEGISLATION: There was a Bill H-5593 for relating to the Health and Safety of the State Building Code. This bill would allow the Building Officials of the city or towns along with Fire Officials in their jurisdiction to decide when a permit would be needed or not needed from the State Building Code. Mr. Leyden called Representative Trillo regarding this Bill. Mr. Trillo states that he did not think the Bill would go forward. Mr. DePace made a motion to go on record the Board apposes this legislation and move to what ever appropriate position that we take that we**

**appose**

**such Legislation. Seconded by Mr. Palmisciano. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Leyden stated that he has already written a position**

**paper regarding this bill and it is already at the Governors Office.**

**Another Bill was introduced regarding smoke detectors. This states that smoke detector inspections would be twice a year. They did not realize that one, two and three family homes have smoke detectors and never get inspected. This Bill would be sending out inspectors for smoke detectors for every single family twice a year.**

**One other Bill that was introduced was regarding the Fire Marshals Department. This Bill states that if the Fire Marshals inspects a building that you are compliant with the current code than you are free for ten years from another inspections. The Fire Marshals Office was told this is not what the Bill meant. We have also been told that this Bill would not go further.**

**8. OLD BUSINESS: Everyone should have received by now all the copies of the codes that we are looking to adopt. People have made comments and revisions have been made. Mr. Leyden will be meeting with Mr. DeBlois on Wednesday, March 20th regarding his concerns. The publishing company has copies of all our codes we**

are looking to adopt. As we make little changes now we forward them over to them and they make the changes. We are on target with the publishing company for when we get the final approval.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:** None at this time

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mr. Nash thanked everyone for their support with the passing of his father. Also, wanted to mention that Bernie Bernard's wife passed away Monday, March 11th and that the services were this

morning. Those of you who know Joe Lewis, his father also passed away.

Mr. Leyden also stated that he has been working on educational programs for this up coming year. We were able to get more money through ARA Funds again this year. Classes have been approved and are lined up and we are looking to have a total of twelve classes starting April 4th. All classes will be posted on the Building Code web site. All but, one class will be held at New England Tech in East Greenwich.

**11. ADJOURN:**

**There being no further business to come before the Building Code Standards Committee, a motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Newbrook and seconded by Mr. Newman. The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 PM.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**John P. Leyden, CBO  
Executive Secretary,**

**BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS:**

**Members Present: D. Aschman, R. Brown, S. Caron, M. Daley, R.**



**DeBlois, P. DePace, W. Nash, D. Newbrook, M. Newman, D. Palmisciano, W. Pimental, G. Preiss, P. Scorpio, R. Stillings, C. Sutton**

**Staff Members Present: T. Coffey, J. Enos, J. Leyden**

**Members Absent: B. Bernard, J. Carlson, T. Chabot, R. Collins, B. Davey, J. Fink, F. Sarno, S. Turner**

**Staff Members Absent:**